

ACA IMPLEMENTATION NEWS

UPDATING YOU ON PROGRESS AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES RELATED TO THE
AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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In this issue of *ACA Implementation News*, we provide links to resources shared by the Department at the Colorado Health Foundation's Building Better Health: Enroll 2015 conference. As well as, links to an overview of the November PEAK enhancements and recent joint messaging webinar with the Department, Connect for Health Colorado, and the Division of Insurance. Information about an upcoming provider and stakeholder engagement opportunity and information about training for PEAK and CBMS Users is also provided.

As a reminder, please send us your ACA implementation questions/suggestions so we can provide timely and relevant information to you. Questions, comments and suggestions should be sent to ACAImplementation@hcpf.state.co.us for inclusion in upcoming issues of *ACA Implementation News*.

To sign up for *ACA Implementation News* or the Department's ACA Communication Updates, click [here](#).

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News of Note

Building Better Health: Enroll 2015 Resources Available Online

The Department would like to thank all participants in the Colorado Health Foundation's [Building Better Health: Enroll 015 conference](#) this week. Hundreds of health coverage guides, assistance site navigators, certified application counselors, brokers, agents, community-based organizations and health advocates joined together at Colorado's kick-off conference for the 2015 health coverage open enrollment period, beginning Nov. 15, 2014.

For those of you unable to attend in the person all presentations and handouts provided at the conference by the Department are available online now. In the future we hope to post recordings of the training sessions as well.

The sessions organized by the Department included:

- [Medical Assistance 101 Overview of Medicaid and CHP+](#)
- [CHP+ 201 Deeper Dive into CHP+](#)
- [Medicaid 201 Deeper Dive into Medicaid Programs](#)
- [What to Expect after a Medicaid or CHP+ Approval](#)

Additionally, the following handouts were provided in the sessions organized by the Department:

- [BBH One-Pager Medical Assistance 101](#)
- [BBH One-Pager CHP+](#)
- [BBH One-Pager After an Approval](#)
- [BBH One-Pager Medicaid 201](#)

To access the materials shared by the Department visit:

Colorado.gov/hcpf/training-topics-reference-documents-and-guides then scroll down to Building Better Health: Enroll 2015 Conference Materials.

The Department would also like thank the Colorado Health Foundation for their support and organization of this event as well as the other members of the planning committee from Connect for Health Colorado and the Division of Insurance.

PEAK Enhancements November 2014

The following enhancements are coming the Colorado.gov/PEAK on November 9, 2014.

Single, Dynamic Online Application

Consumers will be able to apply for health coverage using a single dynamic online application whether they apply through Colorado.gov/PEAK or ConnectforHealthCO.com. This includes single account username and password sign-on capability for PEAK and Connect for Health Colorado. To learn more about the Shared Application and Eligibility Process, click [here](#).

Eligibility Results

When applicants receive real time eligibility results, it will indicate if they qualify for Medicaid, Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+), or federal financial assistance to help pay for health insurance purchased through Connect for Health Colorado, including eligibility for Advanced Premium Tax Credits (APTCs) and Cost Sharing Reductions (CSRs).

Enhanced User Experience

Hover text throughout the application will mean better ease of use for clients.

For more information the November 2014 enhancements to PEAK, including a training calendar and sneak peek of the new PEAK logo, go to Colorado.gov/PEAK then click on Resources, then PEAK News or by clicking [here](#).

2014 November Enhancements Training for PEAK Users

The PEAK Outreach Team will be hosting two live webinars and a series of in-person training sessions across the state between October 17 and November 10.

Each session will detail November 2014 PEAK enhancements, and you'll learn about how the application process is being streamlined to enhance the PEAK-user experience, including:

- More dynamic application process
- Single application process for Colorado Medicaid/CHP+ and Connect for Health Colorado Financial Assistance
- Program additions to Am I Eligible?, the application and eligibility screening tool
- Improvements to application design, in-application help, account sign-in and benefit management capabilities

To register for the in-person regional events, visit PEAKOutreach.eventbrite.com.

To register for a November 2014 Enhancements webinar:

Friday, November 7, 2014 | 10:00am
[Click here to register](#)

Monday, November 10, 2014 | 9:00am
[Click here to register](#)

For more information on the PEAK trainings, contact PEAKOutreach@bouldercounty.org.



New Joint Communications Webinar Online Now

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Division of Insurance and Connect for Health Colorado have recorded and posted a new joint communications webinar.

The webinar discusses how community partners can talk about the 2015 open enrollment period. The webinar also provides an overview of the consumer geared resources available to partners.

The new recorded webinar can be found on Colorado.gov/HCPF/Health-Care-Reform → Presentations or by clicking [here](#). You can also download slides by clicking [here](#).

You can submit your questions following the webinar to:

ACAImplementation@hcpf.state.co.us

Training for County Eligibility Workers and MA Sites

The Department will be delivering training to County Eligibility Workers and Medical Assistance (MA) Sites through four Train-the-Trainer sessions and eight Regional Trainings. In addition, an Online Training course will also be available.

CBMS Users can find more information and steps on how to register on TrainColorado.com or by clicking [here](#). Please contact the Staff Development Center at SOC_staffdevelopment@state.co.us if you have questions.

Connect for Health Colorado 2015 Plan Renewal Information

Beginning October 1, Coloradans who purchased private plans began to receive notices if their carrier is changing or no longer offering their plan. Beginning October 20, Connect for Health Colorado and carriers will be sending communications to clients outlining what to do to make sure they do not have a break in 2015 coverage.

1. If a client's plan is being offered in 2015, they are happy with it and Connect for Health Colorado has been able to redetermine the client's federal tax credit, then the client will not need to do anything—their coverage will be auto-renewed by December 15 for 2015 coverage, **OR**
2. If a client's plan has been discontinued and/or Connect for Health Colorado have been unable to redetermine the client's federal tax credit, the client will need to shop for a 2015 plan and reapply for financial assistance.

Connect for Health Colorado anticipates the majority of their customers will choose to 'auto-renew.'

Partners can find more information on the renewal process on the [Connect for Health Colorado website here](#).

Additionally NEW consumer geared FAQs can be found on Colorado.gov/Health or by clicking [here](#).

Resources

Division of Insurance FAQs

New frequently asked questions regarding the 2015 private insurance rates from the Division of Insurance have been posted to

Colorado.gov/Health. The FAQs address how rates are assessed and how the 2015 rates compare to the 2014 rates. You can also access the FAQs by clicking [here](#).

From Coverage to Care Resources

[From Coverage to Care](#) is an initiative being spearheaded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to help people with new health care coverage understand their benefits and connect to primary care and the preventive services that are right for them. CMS has created a series of [short videos](#) that describe how to use your coverage, pick a provider, prepare for your appointment and other helpful tips. We encourage you to share these resources with your stakeholders, clients and patients. The videos can be found on Colorado.gov/Health or by clicking [here](#).

Department 2013 Annual Report Available Online

The Department's [2013 Annual Report](#) is now available online. The report highlights the Department's activities including the Accountable Care Collaborative, CBMS and PEAK enhancements and others for calendar year 2013 and includes data from Fiscal Year 2012-13 as well as some data from end of the year 2013.

You can find the report on Colorado.gov/HCPF/Publications.

Reminders

Web-Based Forum on New Federal Provider Screening Regulations

New federal regulations established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require enhanced screening and re-validation of providers enrolling with Colorado Medicaid. These regulations are designed to reduce the potential for Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse.

On **October 23 from 12-1pm**, the Department will present the new federal regulations and begin to collect feedback about how best to implement them in Colorado. This web-based forum will allow providers and stakeholders from across the state to learn about the new requirements and interact with Department staff.

[Register for the online webinar here](#). NOTE: Space is limited. For those who cannot join, the webinar will be recorded and posted on the "Federal Provider Screening Regulations" section of Colorado.gov/hcpf/provider-implementations.